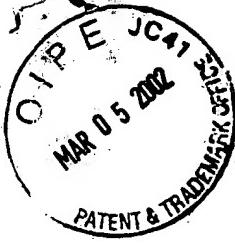


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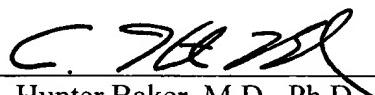
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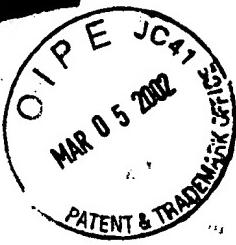
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2001 (Paper No. 8), Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks. The deadline for responding to the Office Action was January 23, 2002; however, a one-month extension of time from January 23, 2002, up to and including February 23, 2002, is hereby requested, and a check for such an extension is enclosed.

AmendmentIn the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows. A marked-up version of the paragraphs amended is included as Appendix B.

On page 6, please delete the paragraph starting at line 6 and replace it with the following paragraph:

--**Figure 16** shows a system similar to the one shown in Figure 15 but with a modified detection scheme. The fluorescence is dispersed according to wavelength by a grating (blazed, if required). In Figure 16a, the dispersed light is directed towards a set of photomultipliers (PMT), each detecting a certain wavelength region. A switch box allows selecting which PMT output is sent to the fast oscilloscope. In Figure 16b, the dispersed fluorescence is enhanced with an image intensifier and detected with a CCD array. A frame grabber ensures rapid removal of the